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Date: September 9, 2015 at 1:08:46 PM CDT
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Subject: RE: flint mich water

Thank-you Peter.

Can you comment on the part of the June 24 memorandum from Miguel A. Del Toral that speaks to the practice of “pre-flushing” before collecting water samples in Flint or do his comments, specifically on page 2 of the memo, speak for the agency?
Also, when did U.S. EPA offer to provide technical assistance to Flint regarding drinking water and what form is that assistance taking?

Thanks again for your help,

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Hi Ron,

John Peterson in our office sent this statement to you Friday around 4 p.m. EPA has no further updates besides the information provided below in our statement. Please attribute any quotes to the U.S. EPA or a spokesperson for the U.S. EPA only.

EPA and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality are working closely with the City of Flint to ensure that residents are provided with safe drinking water. MDEQ determined that although recent lead monitoring shows Flint has not exceeded the lead action level (15 ug/L), the results indicate Flint does not have optimized corrosion control. EPA and MDEQ have recommended that Flint implement corrosion control treatment as soon as possible since the city's lead service lines can leach lead into the drinking water if left untreated.

The City of Flint recently accepted EPA's offer to provide technical assistance to the City and MDEQ on the optimization of corrosion control in the city's water distribution system. The City's Technical Advisory Committee has been notified that experts from EPA's Office of Research and Development (in Cincinnati) will join the panel.

Flint residents who are concerned about lead in their drinking should contact the water utility and may request their water be sampled. Additional information about lead in drinking water is available at <http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants/basicinformation/lead.cfm>.

Thanks!

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Hi.

We are still interested in a response/comment from U.S. EPA.

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From: Peterson, John [<mailto:peterjohn@epa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 12:56 PM
To: Ronald Fonger
Subject: RE: flint mich water

Hello Ron,

I forwarded your inquiry to Peter Cassell in R5's public affairs office. He was out sick last Thursday when you called but is back in the saddle today. Peter handles our water issues.

Take care,

- john

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John:

I'm reaching out to the U.S. EPA, seeking comment on three documents that I have enclosed and will be writing about today and in coming days:

- A June 24 memorandum about Flint's drinking water from Miquel A. Del Toral, regulations manager, ground water and drinking water branch, U.S. EPA.
- A letter from Karen Weaver, a candidate for mayor of Flint, which has been sent to President Obama as well as state and federal elected officials from Michigan.
- An advisory from a team of researchers and students from Virginia Tech, who today, Sept. 8, began to advise Flint residents not to use the municipal water here for cooking or drinking without the use of a filter or flushing water lines use because of the lead levels in samples collected here.(<http://flintwaterstudy.org/>)

Please let me know if someone from the U.S. EPA is available to comment on any of these documents and links.

Thanks for your help,

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